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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Satellite Replacement Strategy

25X1 1. Our recent experience with satellite launch decisions and the FY 81 budget have convinced me that there is a need for a better understanding of alternative satellite replacement strategies and their effect on the cost and effectiveness of the NRP. I have therefore started an RMS study in this area (see attached Prospectus). [redacted]

25X1 2. To be useful the proposed study must evaluate realistic alternative strategies and be based on accurate cost and failure distribution models. We will require your support to collect the data necessary to develop these models and we invite your full participation in the study. My action officer for this effort is [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] I would appreciate it if you would name 25X1  
an action officer to work on this study with [redacted] and the rest of the RMS study group. I expect to monitor closely the progress of this important effort. If you feel it is appropriate, we might schedule joint review meetings so that the effort can be guided into the most profitable areas for the support of both our organizations. [redacted] 25X1

25X1 3. I would appreciate it if you could name your action officer by 18 January 1980 so that we can get started as quickly as possible thereafter. [redacted] 25X1

Attachment:  
Prospectus

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